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1. The original Communist "Military Affairs Committee" has been changed to the "Kwangtung People's Armed Force Committee" (廣東人民武裝委員會). This will consist of five sections and six Area Directing Posts as follows:
 - (a) Sections: General Affairs, Staff Affairs, Intelligence, Political, Liaison
 - (b) Area Directing Posts: Chiungyai (Hainan Island)
 - Southern Route (南路)
 - Tung-Pao (Tungkuan /113-46, 23-027 and Paoan /112-32, 24-547/)
 - Hai-Po (Huiyang /114-26, 23-057 and Polo /114-17, 23-097/)
 - North Kwangtung (粵北)
 - Kiang-Hui (Chiangmen /113-06, 22-347 and Hsinhui /113-06, 22-347/)
2. The Hainan Independent Column (琼崖縱隊) possesses at present a large force totalling more than 5,000 armed Communists. They are equipped as follows:

Artillery pieces	2	Rifles	4,500
Heavy Machine Guns	18	Pistols	600
Light Machine Guns	89	Submachine guns	30

There are also some 10,000 civilian troops (equipment unknown) who are reported to be active in their occupied areas and who are ready to oppose the Kwangtung Provincial Government in its bandit-suppression campaign.
3. The Hainan Independent Column, realizing that the Kwangtung Provincial Government will reinforce the Peace Preservation Corps units on Hainan, have decided to extend its power to the mainland of Kwangtung. CHEN Ching-nen (陳慶南) has been dispatched to Kuangchowwan to keep in close touch with the Southern Route People's Liberation Army (南路人民解放軍) and a force of 2,000 has been put under CHUANG Tien (莊田) in the Leichow Peninsula.
4. The Southern Route People's Liberation Army is under the leadership of CHENG Kun-lien (鄭坤廉) widow of CHANG Yen (張炎), executed Communist general. These troops now have a combined strength of 1,600 men. Their armament includes six heavy machine guns, fifty light machine guns, 1,600 rifles and pistols. They have established liaison with the Communists in Indo China and are attempting to extend their influence over the border area of Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

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5. There are more than 500 Japanese Communists in the Southern Route People's Liberation Army.* They have been under FENG Pai-chu (馮白駒), leader of the Hainan Column, who has made full use of their technical ability in the struggle against the Nationalist Army.

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6. Chinese Communists are concentrating their activities in southwest Kwangtung in the vicinity of Lienchiang (109-07, 21-33) / 110-16, 21-36? and Huahsien (110-39, 21-38) where they have about 2,000 men and 100 Japanese soldiers. Their commanders are YEH Che-yang (葉東揚) and LI I-ming (李一鳴). Two senior officers, TANG Chao (唐超) and LIANG Chi-keng (梁智鏗), have been sent from Shansi Province to take command of the entire southwest Kwangtung area.

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7. In order to carry out the program of the Communists in South China and to win the support of the populace, Communist agents in Hongkong have been financing teachers, schools, and members of cultural organizations. School teachers in Kowloon New Territories, such as those in Yuanlang (元朗) and Shangshui (上水) are receiving allowances as high as \$200 HK per month. The teaching staff of Kuangming Primary School (光明小學) received a total of \$1,200 HK monthly, while the Chinsiu Primary School (進修小學) received \$800 HK monthly.
8. Shops and stores have been given free issues of magazines and reading matter or are sold such material at 30% of cost price. Any book store desiring to act as agent for the sale of Communist literature and propaganda may obtain a loan of \$1,000 to \$2,000 HK per month.
9. The above funds are all distributed by the Cheng Pao (正報), a weekly magazine, and by CHANG Tzu-hsueh (張子祥), a special reporter of the Hua Shang Pao (華商報), a Communist daily newspaper in Hongkong. A total of more than \$40,000 HK is paid out every month. CHANG is proceeding to form a New Territory Education Association for the purpose of boosting education and activities in the different cultural societies.

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- * Comment: Note that the title, Southern Route People's Liberation Army, has been used in paragraphs 4 and 5 in reference to both the group under CHENG Kun-lien (who has been active on Leichou Peninsula) and to the men under FENG Pai-chu (leader of the Hainan Column). This apparent confusion may be explained by the possibility that the appellation has been given to Communist forces in general in southern Kwangtung, and that it may have been used without distinction for various groups there.

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